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MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Alabama Baptist State Convention,

HELD AT

MARION,

November 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th, 1865.



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CHURCHES.

Selma—A. T. Spalding, C. E. Thames, J. E. Prestridge, J. W. Hudson.

Siloam—A. J. Battle, W. H. McIntosh, T. W. Tobey, R. Holman, W. B. Lawson.

Centre Ridge—H. Talbird, D. R. Lide.

Mission Church, Mobile—Letter and Funds.

St. Francis Street, Mobile—G. F. Williams.

Stone Street African Church, Mobile—

Ocmulgee—O. H. Perry.

Montgomery First Church—W. P. Chilton.

Talladega Town—L. W. Lawler.

LIFE MEMBERS.

W. N. Wyatt, L. L. Fox, I. Billingsley, S. R. Freeman, E. A. Blunt, A. B. Goodhue, S. H. Fowlkes, J. H. DeVotie.

Organized by the election of Rev. J. L. M. Curry, President, and A. B. Goodhue, Secretary.

Adopted, as the hours of meeting and adjournment, 9½ A. M. and 2½ P. M., and 12½ M. and 4½ P. M.

Appointed Committee on Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons Siloam Church, C. E. Thames, F. G. Talbert.

Adjourned. Prayer by W. J. Parker.

Friday, 2½ P. M.

Prayer by W. Wilkes.

Appointed Committee on the Religious Instruction of the Colored People—the Committee appointed last session not being present—L. L. Fox, J. J. D. Renfro, S. R. Freeman.

Added T. W. Tobey to Committee on Foreign Missions.

Appointed S. R. Freeman Chairman of Committee on Education.

Appointed Committee to nominate the remaining officers of the Convention—E. A. Blunt, D. R. Lide, J. Talbert.

Appointed Committee on Finance—C. E. Thames, J. E. Prestridge, J. W. Hudson.

Appointed Auditing Committee—W. N. Wyatt, W. Wilkes, W. Ashcraft.

Appointed Committee on Letters and Documents—J. H. Foster, J. J. D. Renfro, W. J. Parker.

Appointed Committee to nominate Preachers for the next session—I. Billingsley, J. Kinerd, O. H. Perry.

Resolved, To devote one half hour each day, beginning at 10 A. M., to religious exercises, especially in prayer to God in behalf of the country, and that he would pour out his Spirit upon the churches and revive his work.

An extract of a letter from Dr. Manly, having reference to his afflictions, having been read by the President, the Convention united with Dr. Talbird in special prayer in his behalf.

Appointed a Committee to report upon the best means of uniting the Denomination in the State in support of the objects of the Convention—W. B. Modiwell, J. J. D. Renfroe, W. J. Parker, J. L. M. Curry.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. K. Murphy.

Saturday, 9½ o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. W. J. Parker.

Invited Rev. R. Holman to a seat as a representative of the B. D. M. S. B. C.

Invited bro. J. J. Toon to a seat.

Appointed Committee on Periodicals—W. P. Chilton, W. Wilkes, A. T. Spalding.

Appointed Messengers to corresponding Bodies, as follows, viz:

Mississippi Convention—W. Ashcraft, W. Howard, J. H. Foster, M. T. Sumner, R. Holman, J. Talbert.

Florida Convention—M. T. Sumner, J. T. S. Park, J. S. Paullin.

Georgia Convention—M. T. Sumner, S. Henderson, I. T. Tichenor, R. Holman, E. B. Teague, J. L. M. Curry, J. H. Foster, H. E. Talliferro, J. G. Shorter, E. Y. VanHoose, Wm. Reeves.

General Association of Virginia—M. T. Sumner, R. Holman, J. L. M. Curry.

Appointed Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention—R. Holman, M. T. Sumner, W. H. McIntosh, S. Henderson, J. E. Prestridge, D. R. Lide, A. T. Spalding, C. E. Thames, L. W. Lawler, W. Howard, W. J. Parker, J. L. M. Curry, W. N. Wyatt, A. B. Goodhue, J. J. D. Renfroe, A. J. Battle, H. Talbird, W. P. Chilton, I. T. Tichenor, T. H. Watts, J. G. Shorter, C. A. Battle, W. W. Waller, W. N. Reeves, A. Jay, P. H. Lundy, B. H. Crumpton, J. M. Newman, R. Ervin, T. P. Miller, C. Manly, J. B. Hawthorne, O. Welch, W. Reynolds, W. M. Smith, T. F. Sturgis, L. M. Stone, A. A. Sterrett, J. M. Crook, R. Figh, J. T. S. Park, Wade Hill, L. B. Lane, C. C. Huckabee.

Appointed Committee to correspond with the Presidents of railroads on the route to Bowling Green, Kentucky, with a view to procure a reduction of fare in behalf of the Delegates to the Biennial Convention—W. Howard, J. E. Prestridge, E. A. Blunt.

Report of the Board of Trustees of Howard College referred to Committee on Education.

Report of the Board of Trustees of the Judson Female Institute referred to Committee on Education.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools read, and pending the discussion of it, adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. J. H. DeVotie.

2½ o'clock, Afternoon.

Prayer by Rev. W. Ashcraft.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools adopted. (App. A.)

Appointed a Committee to nominate a Sunday School Board—W. P. Chilton, W. Howard, D. R. Lide.

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourns, it will adjourn to meet in Selma.

Report of Committee raised to report upon the best means of uniting the Denomination of the State, in the support of the objects of the Convention, adopted. (App. B.)

Report of Committee to nominate Preachers for the next session, adopted. To preach the Introductory Sermon, H. Talbird; W. Howard, alternate.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. W. Howard.

7 o'clock, Evening.

Sermon upon the Religious Instruction of the Colored People, by Rev. A. J. Battle.

Report of the Committee upon the Religious Instruction of the Colored People read, and pending the discussion of it, adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. T. W. Tobey.

Monday, 9½ o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. W. Wilkes.

Appointed Committee to receive and pay over to the proper parties, the bequest made to this Convention in the will of James Comer—S. Henderson, J. H. DeVotie.

Recommitted the Report of the Committee on the Religious Instruction of the Colored People, and added to the Committee W. P. Chilton, L. W. Lawler, H. Talbird, S. Henderson, J. J. D. Renfroe.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. H. Foster.

2½ o'clock, Afternoon.

Prayer by Rev. J. Talbert.

Report of Committee on Periodicals laid on the table for the present.

Report of Committee on the Religious Instruction of the Colored People adopted. (App. C.)

Report of Committee on Domestic Missions adopted. (App. D.)

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions adopted. (App. E.)

Resolved, That the collection on Sunday night be equally divided between Domestic and Foreign Missions.

Report of Committee to nominate the remaining officers of the Convention adopted.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. G. F. Williams.

7 o'clock, Evening.

Prayer by Rev. A. T. Spalding.

Report of Committee to nominate Sunday School Board adopted—A. T. Spalding, President and General Superintendent; J. J. M. Curry, A. G. Thompson, C. E. Thames, J. W. Hudson.

Report of Committee on Education adopted. (App. F.)

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. T. W. Tobey.

Tuesday, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. S. R. Freeman.

Resolved, That the Sunday School Board have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in it prior to the meeting of the next Convention.

Report of Committee on the State of Religion adopted. (App. G.)

Report of Committee on Letters and Documents adopted. (App. H.)

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to preface the Minutes of this session with an abstract of the Minutes of the last session.

Report of the Committee on Finance adopted. (App. I.)

Resolved, That bro. A. W. Chambliss be requested to revise his "Catechetical Instructor," and adapt it to the use of the more advanced classes in our Sunday Schools, with a view to its publication by some Southern house.

Resolved, That the sermon preached by Rev. A. J. Battle, on the Religious Instruction of the Colored People, be requested for publication in the Christian Index and South-Western Baptist.

Report of Committee to nominate to Associations, contemplated in the Report of the Committee to devise means to increase interest in the Convention, adopted.

Alabama—H. Talbird, I. T. Tichenor, P. H. Lundy.

Autauga—W. Wilkes, R. Figh.

Bethel—W. J. Parker, L. L. Fox, J. Talbert.

Bethlehem—J. B. Hawthorne, A. Jay.

Centrul—J. J. D. Renfroe, W. Wilkes, S. Henderson.

Cahaba—S. R. Freeman, L. L. Fox.

Canaan—A. J. Waldrop, J. A. Collins, C. Manly.

Cherokee—W. C. Mynatt, J. J. D. Renfroe.

Coosa River—J. L. M. Curry, J. J. D. Renfroe, R. Holman.

Judson—S. Henderson, E. Y. VanHoose.

Liberty West—W. Howard.

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Bigbee—W. Howard, R. Holman.

Muscle Shoals—J. L. M. Curry, A. J. Waldrop.

North River—J. H. Foster, J. C. Foster.

Pine Barren—C. W. Hare, J. B. Hawthorne.

Salem—S. Henderson, J. W. Williams.

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Shelby—J. J. D. Renfroe, A. T. Spalding.

Union—W. Howard, J. C. Foster, S. R. Freeman.

Unity—W. Wilkes, A. T. Spalding.

Ten Islands—W. C. Mynatt, J. J. D. Renfroe.

Carcy—C. P. Cisson, S. G. Jenkins, G. E. Brewer.

Boiling Springs—W. C. Mynatt, E. T. Smith.

Appointed Committee to memorialize the President of the United States in behalf of Jefferson Davis, praying that the Executive clem-

ency be extended to him in releasing him from prison and restoring him to his full rights as a citizen—A. J. Battle, H. Talbird, W. H. McIntosh.

Resolved, That this Convention heartily approves and endorses the action of the Central and Alabama Associations in the appointment of brethren W. P. Chilton, T. H. Watts and J. L. M. Curry to open a correspondence with a view of originating a counsel of discreet brethren to agree upon some plan for the union of the Baptist family in Alabama.

Resolved, That we hail with pleasure the establishment, by bro. J. J. Toon, of a publishing house in the city of Atlanta; and also a similar house in Louisville, Ky., by brethren Waller, Sherrill & Co.

Appointed the following Standing Committees, viz :

On Education—H. Talbird, C. F. Sturgis, Wm. Reeves.

On Domestic Missions—R. Holman, A. J. Battle, A. T. Spalding.

On Foreign Missions—S. Henderson, L. W. Lawler, I. T. Tichenor.

On Sunday Schools—W. P. Chilton, T. W. Tobey, J. H. Foster.

On Religious Instruction of Colored People—W. H. McIntosh, W. A. Parker, L. L. Fox.

On the State of Religion—J. J. D. Renfroe, W. Wilkes, W. B. Modiwell.

Appointed H. Talbird to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next session; W. Howard alternate.

Report of Committee on Periodicals adopted. (App. J.)

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to publish 1,000 copies of the Minutes, and that he receive \$50 for his services.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the citizens of Marion for the hospitality and kindness extended to the Delegates during its session; also to the Methodist and Presbyterian churches for the offer of the use of their houses of worship.

Resolved, That, while it is the duty of Christians to bow humbly and submissively to every dispensation of Divine Providence, we avail ourselves of this occasion to tender to our venerable and beloved brother, Rev. B. Manly, D. D., our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in his present affliction; and we ardently hope and fervently pray that it may please Almighty God to restore him to health, and that he may soon be able to resume his labors in the ministry.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to transmit to bro. Manly a copy of the foregoing resolution.

Referred all unfinished business to the Board of Directors.

Adjourned to meet in Selma on Friday before the 2d Sunday in November, 1866.

Prayer by Rev. J. H. DeVotie.

J. L. M. CURRY, President.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(APPENDIX A.)

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:

We regard the Sunday School enterprise as second to none, except that great institution of the Lord Jesus, the Christian Church, and not as a mere human adjunct to the Church, nor as in organic opposition to it.

The Sunday School is rather the combination of the two great moral and religious forces which God has established—the Christian Church and the family institution. It is the union of home and church power, exerted upon our children and our neighbors' children, to lead them to Jesus, and through him to Heaven.

Your Committee would suggest the necessity of the establishment of a Board of five, at some suitable place, whose duty it shall be to employ and send out agents to build up Sunday Schools throughout the State, and to supply these agents with all suitable books, and other things necessary for their work, and the immediate appointment of a special committee to nominate the members of said Board.

A. T. SPALDING, Chairman.

(APPENDIX B.)

ON THE MEANS OF INCREASING INTEREST IN THE CONVENTION.

Your Committee recognize local Churches, when Scripturally organized, as the highest ecclesiastical tribunals known in the word of God, and alone empowered to execute a gospel discipline; but, believing that any convocation of Christians, having in view the glory of God and the advancement of his kingdom, is not only legitimate, but clearly within the scope of the gospel commission, and, being convinced that the cultivation of the social element in Christianity is essential to that union of heart and harmony of action which are necessary to its successful propagation, do most earnestly recommend to all Baptist Churches in the State the propriety of representing themselves in their respective Associations, and to Associations and Churches, the desirableness of sending Delegates to the next anniversary of this body.

And this we deem important, as a means of bringing together larger numbers of our brethren from the different parts of our Master's vineyard, that by an exchange of views on the subject of the interests and responsibilities of the churches, in giving the word of life to all who have it not, and by mingling their tears and prayers together at a common mercy seat, made accessible through blood of atonement, they may harmonize in feeling and action, and thus promote that union for which Jesus prayed when he said, "I pray not for these only, but for all them that shall believe on me through their word: that they may be one;

as thou, Father, art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may know that thou hast sent me."

And we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That the Pastors of the churches, and the Missionaries and Moderators of Associations, be requested to urge this subject upon their respective churches and Associations.

2d. *Resolved*, That the President of the Convention be requested to embody his thoughts on this subject in an address to the Baptists of Alabama, to be published in such periodical as he may select.

3d. *Resolved*, That the Convention appoint Delegates to meet with as many Associations as practicable, next fall, and lay this subject before them.

Respectfully submitted, W. B. MODIWELL, Chairman.

(APPENDIX C.)

ON RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION OF THE COLORED PEOPLE.

The special Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Committee on the Religious Instruction of the Colored People, together with instructions on the subject of their report, beg leave to submit the following:

1. *Resolved*, That the Churches of Christ having no legitimate connection with the State, should remain unchanged by the results of political revolutions, except in so far as these may open up new fields of usefulness, or as furnishing inducements for renewed and increased Christian effort.

2. That the changed political status of our late slaves does not necessitate any change in their relation to our churches; and while we recognize their right to withdraw from our churches and form organizations of their own, we nevertheless believe that their highest good will be subserved by their maintaining their present relation to those who know them, who love them, and who will labor for the promotion of their welfare.

3. That the condition of our colored population appeals very strongly to the sympathy of every christian heart, and demands, at the hands of all who love the Saviour, renewed exertions for their moral and religious improvement; and to this end we would recommend the establishment of Sunday Schools, the providing for them the preached gospel, and the adoption of all practical appliances which will tend to ameliorate their condition, and induce them to become sharers in a common salvation.

W. P. CILTON, Chairman.

(APPENDIX D.)

ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Domestic Missions was appointed last year, but were not aware that the duty had been assigned them until yesterday eve. This prevents them from offering such a report as the importance of the subject, especially in view of the present condition of the coun-

try, so imperatively demands. No one will deny that it is the first duty of a christian people to furnish the Gospel to the perishing around them. At this peculiar juncture, our responsibilities to the destitute of our population is incalculably great. No field is more important or inviting than that of Domestic Missions. We have easy access to multitudes of our race who are blinded by the god of this world, and who are rapidly sinking into darkness and ruin. Our relationship, by political as well as religious ties, to this class of our population, whether white or colored, indicates our duty and urges us to its performance.

But while this is true, our position is one replete with difficulty.—Never has the mind of man exhibited the intense and absorbing action which characterizes the age in which we live. Grand influences are abroad in the land, and they are jostling and contending with each other. Unhappily, all, or much of this energy and action, is under the control of a "down-pulling demon," whose object seems to be to destroy whatever is lovely and of good report in our midst, without substituting anything valuable in its stead. Now, how are these contending and jarring agencies to be controlled and sanctified, and made subservient to the cause of Christ in the salvation of men?

The answer is obvious. We must, for Zion's sake, have a missionary corps in the field, not only of deep and ardent piety, but of almost unerring wisdom, foresight and power. We need men of well-balanced and cultivated minds, full of zeal and the Holy Ghost, to represent us in these fields of our benevolent operations. It is obvious that it will be no easy task to secure the services of such men, nor will it be less difficult, in the impoverished condition of our churches, to furnish the requisite means to sustain them in their labors. Thus we see the dangers by which we are environed. If we content ourselves with some sickly, ill-directed effort to arrest these evils, the cause of evangelical religion will go down in our midst, and our churches will sink into imbecility and ruin.

What, then, is our duty in the present emergency? This is a solemn inquiry, and your Committee would be gratified if they could give it an elaborate and well-considered answer. This they are now unable to do, but they would take the liberty of suggesting whether it would not be wise to urge the Domestic Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, to secure the services of a few of our most experienced ministers as evangelists. Let it be their duty to visit our churches—disintegrated and almost destroyed by the cruel war which has been waged against us—and strive to arouse them to a sense of the obligation resting upon them in reference to this great work.

But the question recurs again: Have we the pecuniary ability for even this much? Your Committee are persuaded that the question may be answered in the affirmative. Were the spirit which pervaded the Church after the day of Pentecost, prevalent in the hearts of God's people now, the Board might, in a short time, adopt the language of Moses, and say: "The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which the Lord commanded." Let this spirit animate the hearts of those in our churches who still hold a little—it may

be a very little—of the abundance which God once confided to their hands, and all would be easy. Let this spirit of Christian liberality be coupled with earnest prayer for the blessing of God in the efforts of the Board, and all the powers of earth and hell combined could not retard the progress of our returning prosperity. That system of doctrine and practice by which we are distinguished, in its severe but simple majesty, would be revived in our churches; and it is instinct with eternal life; it is the Gospel, which is the “power of God,” and which he has promised to bless for the moral renovation of the world. Thus becoming workers together with God in this blessed enterprise, our messengers of good tidings would be multiplied. They would run to and fro, and knowledge would be increased in the land until the whole earth would be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

H. TALMUD, Chairman.

(APPENDIX E.)

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions report:

That in the absence of the usual information in regard to the condition, liabilities, &c., of the Foreign Board, we can embody no facts of interest to the Convention. We can only state in general terms that, during the late war, the Board found it necessary to borrow money in Europe to sustain its missions. And while the present impoverished condition of our churches utterly forbids our rendering any adequate material aid, we nevertheless feel it to be a duty and a privilege, as a constitutional member of the Southern Baptist Convention, to pledge to that Board our relative amount of its responsibilities, so soon as our circumstances will justify. The last accounts from our Foreign Missionaries were encouraging, and the Board is now engaged in prosecuting its work with vigor and success. The Kentucky, Missouri and Maryland Baptists are now supplying our lack of service with uncommon liberality. We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1st. That we recognize our obligations to the Foreign Board to meet our proportion of its outstanding obligations so soon as God shall so prosper us as to place it in our power.

2d. That we hail with uncommon satisfaction, and as an indication of the Divine favor, the prompt and generous responses which have come up to the Foreign and Domestic Mission Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, from the churches of Missouri, Kentucky and Maryland, in this day of our common calamity.

SAM'L HENDERSON, Chairman.

(APPENDIX F.)

ON EDUCATION.

What is it that rises with noble dignity and shines with unborrowed lustre amid all the reverses of fortune and throes of society; that pass-

es unscathed through the fiery ordeal of war, and remains intact when treasures vast may lie in desolation, or change their proceeds to the hands of another? It is the mind, rightly cultivated. Education is the priceless jewel, compared with which the gold of earth is as the small dust of the balance. Its true value never changes. Its title is unaffected by the casualties of time. We regret the misfortunes which have so dissipated the means which we had procured for educational purposes, but we may even now rejoice that misfortune's ruthless hand cannot change our purpose. Our purpose, in former days, was to do all we could for this noble cause. Let it be still the same, and success will crown our efforts. It may be that an all-wise Providence intends to teach us how to place a true estimate on education, and if we learn this lesson in the school of adversity, it will be knowledge cheaply gained. A proper conception of its priceless value, and corresponding efforts, will procure the means to attain the end. If the shafts of adversity do not paralyze our purpose, they may blast our means a thousand times, yet with purpose firm and high and noble, we shall pursue successfully the path of light and knowledge; the interests of education will prosper in our land, and the mysterious Providence that seems to frustrate our plans, will, with a cheering beneficence, secure to us the desired end. And even now we have abundant reason to be encouraged. The Central Institute, at Tusculloosa, under the auspices of the Rev. George Y. Browne, is in a highly prosperous condition. The Rev. E. B. Teague, widely and favorably known, is now Principal of the East Alabama Female College, and we trust under his efficient management its future will be prosperous. From the report of the Trustees of Howard College it appears that this important Baptist interest of Alabama is in a most languishing condition, and the alternative is forced upon us of abandoning the enterprise or of making a vigorous effort to resuscitate its fallen fortunes. Brethren, our College must not be suffered to perish. The labors, sacrifices and generosity displayed in past years to found and establish this Institution, must not be forgotten or allowed to prove an abortion. Those efforts have yielded some fruit, but we must see that they result in greater good to the Master's cause. The buildings of the College, with appropriate furniture and valuable apparatus, must not be thrown away, but must be employed in the work of educating the young men of the State for usefulness and honor. The fund must not be given up. No doubt, with proper effort, a large, if not a greater, portion of the assets may at some time become available. On many notes the interest might now be collected, and on some the principal be paid. A vigorous and resolute effort, at the proper time and from the proper quarter, might result in adding to the endowment. Let us select from our brethren a man highly endowed by nature and cultivation, for the office of President. Let him be commissioned to go among the Baptists of the State and spend one year, and if need be, two years, in the work of resuscitating the endowment and stimulating the enterprise and liberality of our brethren in behalf of this important Institution. It needs no lamp of Diogenes to find this man. He is already among us. Let us lay violent hands upon him, and let us say

to him, "Here, our brother, is the task we commit to your hands. We lay upon you the onus and the honor of rescuing this important instrumentality of usefulness to man and glory to God from the dust. In the name of our God and our cause, we call you to this trust, and we pledge ourselves to sustain you."

Let the Trustees be requested to raise, by voluntary subscription, the sum of \$ ———, for one year, the President's salary. Thus, by putting our shoulders at once to the wheel, we may speedily place our loved College into a position from which it may go on without impediment in its glorious career, dispensing blessings to the rising generation of young men who, in their turn of usefulness, will bless the State and bless the churches.

WHEREAS, The scholarship system in the Howard College forms a serious obstacle to its future success; and whereas, some who hold these claims have expressed a willingness to relinquish them; therefore,

Resolved, That all who hold these scholarships be and are hereby earnestly solicited to relinquish them, for the benefit of the College.

Resolved, That no more scholarships be sold

Respectfully submitted, S. R. FREEMAN, Chairman.

(APPENDIX G.)

ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Your Committee, instructed to report on the State of Religion, submit the following:

Were the Chairman of this Committee, appointed a year ago, now present with his report, the expectation of this body would doubtless be met. The exceedingly meagre representation of the churches from various sections of the State, the absence of correspondence and statistical documents, render it impossible for your Committee, at this time, to furnish any comprehensive view of this important subject.

It affords us pleasure to state that an encouraging number of churches, in several Associations, have enjoyed precious revival seasons. A large number of souls have been added to the Lord. The Tuskegee Association reports over 250 baptisms; the Coosa River, more than 200; Liberty, over 300; the Alabama, 210; Bethel, 260; Union, 250. In the Coosa River Association there seems to be no abatement of religious zeal, as indicated by the full attendance at their last session, and the general activity of their pastors. Several churches in the Bethel Association, which had given mournful evidence that their candle-stick would soon be removed, have been favored with visits of refreshing of the Holy Spirit. These are cheering manifestations of Divine favor, that the mercy of the Lord is not gone forever; that "His ear is not heavy that it cannot hear, nor His arm shortened that it cannot save."

It would be gratifying could your Committee extend this record to all our Associations and churches. But these occasions of joy are marred with causes of sadness. The dreadful scourge of desolating war, during more than four years, terminated not only in the immense waste of treasure and blood, but in the general demoralization of the

people and the churches. In the opinion of the eloquent Robert Hall, a twelve months' war turns back the current of a nation's intellectual, moral and religious improvement a quarter of a century. While the American character is less stereotyped and more elastic than that of the English, and will the sooner recuperate, yet it is painfully evident that the four years' war has made a terrible retrograde in all that pertains to the elevation and improvement of society; and many, very many years of incessant and sacrificing toil will be required to restore our educational and religious enterprises to the position they occupied in 1860. Churches that were supporting their pastors comfortably, and appropriating generously of their means to sustain institutions of learning and mission organizations, are now deprived of the ability to do either. Pastors and missionaries have been compelled, in many instances, to secularize themselves to obtain subsistence for their families.

The members of churches, in their eagerness to regain their lost fortunes, have neglected the culture of their own hearts and the interests of their church. The Providence that has taken away their wealth has not destroyed their love of gain.

Intemperance is a growing evil, and is sapping the very foundations of society. The oldest among us are carried back to scenes of our childhood and youth, when it was customary for most people to drink, both old and young, male and female—people of the church and men of the world.

Pursuit of pleasure by church members, such as checks the growth of piety and brings religion in great disrespect, if not into disrepute, is rapidly increasing the demoralization of professed christians. Indeed, the falling away is fearful. Will it be more so before the approach of "that great and notable day," the coming of our Lord?

We have many ministers, and good ministers, in the State; there is ample work for them to do, and more than they can do well. The state of religion, the state of the churches, the perishing condition of souls, call loudly, imperatively, for their services, their best and entire services.

Your Committee are impressed most profoundly with the importance of inaugurating some measures by which these ministers may be brought, at an early day, into the field, which is already ripe for harvest. As the most practicable method suggested to our mind, we recommend the following resolution:

That we urge upon the Board of Domestic Missions the appointment of two evangelists, one to labor on the east, the other on the west side of the Alabama river, whose prime business shall be to visit the churches which have been already, or are liable to be, deprived of their pastors for want of pecuniary support, and see if the means cannot be raised, in the bounds of the church, in contributions of supplies, &c., for the support of the minister's family.

We are fully persuaded that, by the visits of judicious men, these churches could, in most cases, secure an amount in provisions, clothing and money which would be equivalent to the salary they paid their pastors before the war.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. HOLMAN.

(APPENDIX II.)

ON LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

Nothing has been committed to us requiring your special notice, except the letter from the Stone Street Baptist Church, in Mobile. We recommend that a letter be forwarded to that church, replying definitely to their several inquiries.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. FOSTER, Chairman.

(APPENDIX I.)

ON FINANCE.

BODIES CONTRIBUTING.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Sabbath School Board.	Beneficiaries in H. College.	Bible Cause.	Indian Missions.	General Purposes.	Total.
Bethel Association .....	.....	\$50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$50 00
Centro Ridge Church .....	.....	.....	.....	\$6 00	.....	.....	\$2 00	8 00
Selma Baptist Church	\$34 00	34 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	68 00
Selma Baptist Church	*7 50	*7 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00
Talladega Church .....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Tuskegee Association .....	.....	74 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	74 75
Mission Church, Mobile .....	.....	.....	17 00	14 00	.....	.....	10 00	10 00
Siloam Church	25 50	130 00	17 00	14 00	\$26 00	\$23 50	.....	239 00
Contributions by Convention .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	220 95
Total	\$70 00	301 25	17 00	20 00	26 00	23 50	12 00	690 70

* Specie.

C. E. THAMES, Chairman.

We have examined the above Report and find it correct.

W. N. WYATT, Ch'n Aud. Com.

(APPENDIX J.)

ON PERIODICALS.

The Committee on Periodicals beg leave to report that, for several years past, during the troublous times of war, our religious periodicals have shared the fate of our other religious enterprises. We nevertheless rejoice in the belief that, with proper effort, in a very short time the wants of the denomination can be fully met.

We are happy to announce that, by an arrangement between the proprietors of the South-Western Baptist and the Christian Index, these two papers are to be united and removed to Atlanta, in the State of Georgia, and will be published under the supervision of our truly pious brother and successful and able publisher, J. J. Toon. This paper is to be edited by the ablest editorial corps that can be obtained. It will contain a department devoted to the interest of the denomination in Alabama, which will continue under the editorial management of Doc-

tor Samuel Henderson, the former able editor of the South-Western Baptist. The bare mention of this fact is a sufficient guarantee that this department will be ably conducted.

Upon the whole, your Committee cannot too earnestly urge upon our brethren throughout the South and West the great importance of extending the most liberal encouragement and patronage to this paper, the name of which they would suggest should be changed to indicate the union of the two papers. Perhaps the appellation of "South Western Index" would be appropriate; but this should be left with the publishers.

In addition to this able and indispensable adjunct to the prosperity of our common Zion, we learn with pleasure that bro. Samuel Boykin is about to establish the "Child's Delight," to be published in Macon, Georgia, to be devoted to the interests of Sunday Schools, which, we doubt not, from the known ability of the editor, will be a powerful instrument for good in the great work of establishing and maintaining Sunday Schools, and furnishing religious reading for our children. Let us give this little messenger of love a liberal support.

The Religious Herald, published at Richmond, Va., under the editorship of Doctor Jeter, and bros. Shaver and Dickinson, two brethren well known for their ability and deep piety; and the Western Recorder, published at Louisville, Kentucky, and edited by bro. J. C. Waller, whose reputation as a successful conductor of a religious journal is too well established to need any commendation from your Committee, are papers deserving the hearty support of all religious persons, and furnish a fund of religious knowledge and literature which no family that can procure them should be without.

Your Committee feel encouraged by the energy displayed by the brethren of the religious press, in renewing those potent agencies for the dissemination of truth.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. P. CHILTON, Chairman.

(APPENDIX K.)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE JUDSON FEMALE INSTITUTE.

It affords the Board great pleasure to report the continued prosperity of this Institution.

During the last session, more than 200 pupils were in attendance. The number of graduates was seventeen (17.) The session was closed in May, on account of the condition of the country. Circulars, stating the reasons which impelled the Board to suspend the exercises, were sent, as far as practicable, to all its patrons.

With the exception of this suspension of a few weeks, the Institution, during the entire period of the war, offered its accustomed facility for acquiring an education.

The exercises of the present session were opened under the auspices of Rev. A. J. Battle, as Principal. Prof. B. is so well and favorably

known in the State, as an instructor of youth, that the mere mention of the fact that the interests of the Judson are assigned to his care, is sufficient to satisfy its friends that a career of continued success is before it.

They are highly gratified in obtaining the services of such an able and efficient teacher, and feel confident that so long as his services as Principal of the Judson can be secured, the friends and patrons of the school will award to him a just appreciation of his merits, which he richly deserves. The Board feel confident that Prof. Battle will aid them to the extent of his ability, in maintaining the high character for thorough and valuable instruction, which the Institution has already attained.

No pains or expense has been spared to secure the very best talent. Special attention has been given to the peculiar fitness and qualification of each teacher to preside over the department entrusted to his or her care.

Prof. Tobey is still connected with the Institute, and it affords the Board much pleasure to say that, during his long connection with the Judson, he has given universal satisfaction. He fills the chair of Belles Lettres and Ancient Languages.

Col. S. Lockett, a graduate of Howard College and of West Point, has been appointed Instructor of Painting and Drawing, and Professor of Natural Sciences. The skill and efficiency already manifested by him in the class room, warrant the Trustees in asserting that the pupils placed under his charge will be faithfully and thoroughly instructed. The Board feel that in securing the services of one so well qualified to fill the position which he occupies, the Institution has been peculiarly fortunate.

A distinguished Professor of Music has been selected to preside over this department, whose efforts, aided by skillful and accomplished lady instructors, will doubtless give entire satisfaction to all interested.

The present session has been noted for an unusually large proportion of collegiate students. With the general average of preparatory and primary pupils, the number of students would equal that of the year of its greatest prosperity.

The names of 175 pupils have been registered, and it is known that many more will shortly be in attendance.

The Board join with the friends of the Institution in returning thanks to Almighty God for his kind watch-care and protection during the perils which have environed it, and hope, with the returning prosperity of the country, a proportionate success may be accorded to it.

W. N. WYATT, Pres't, &c.

S. II. FOWLKES, Sec'y.

(APPENDIX L.)

HOWARD COLLEGE.

The Board of Trustees of Howard College present this their Annual Report to the Convention with much embarrassment, arising from no want of fidelity on their part to the important interests confided to

them, but from the losses incident to the changed condition of the country, which the College has sustained, the uncertainty as to its present available means, and their conscious inability to suggest plans for future operations, that shall combine efficiency with practicability, and at the same time be free from the danger of involving it in still greater embarrassments. The sudden termination of the war, with its disastrous effects upon the interests of the country, generally, frustrated the design recommended by the Board, and approved by the Convention at your last meeting, to open a school for the gratuitous education of young men who had been disabled in the service of the country. It was hailed with gratitude by the class for whose benefit it was inaugurated, and was in successful operation when the surrender of the Southern armies threw the buildings, which were used in part as a military hospital, into the hands of the forces of the United States. Against the earnest and repeated protest of the Trustees, one of the dormitories was appropriated to the use of the freed negroes. As was foreseen, this resulted in serious damage to the building, and has added to our loss the cost of repairs. The property was subsequently restored to us by the U. S. Commandant of this military post, but soon afterwards seized by the U. S. District Marshal, and is now under libel for confiscation. Measures are in progress to relieve it, which we have little doubt will be successful, though it may subject the Institution to additional expense.*

OUR LOSSES

We cannot definitely determine. In 1860, the Annual Report of the Trustees to the Convention showed a reliable endowment, literary and Theological combined, of \$200,499 80, which, with the lot, buildings, apparatus and library fund—

Amounted in available property to.....	\$264,499 80
To this add notes, bad and doubtful.....	11,250 40
Certificates of R. R. stock, those of nominal value....	3,500 00

And we have a grand total of..... \$279,250 20

Since that time many of the donors have paid their notes, the amounts of which the Treasurer holds in Confederate securities. It is but reasonable to presume that many whose notes in 1860 were regarded as safe investments, will not be able, for years to come, to pay their indebtedness, or the interest on it—many others, perhaps never. The extent of our losses in this respect will come slowly to light. It may not be so great as we forebode. Time, energy and the recuperative powers of a country rich in its natural productions, may show a wonderful change for the better, and in a wonderfully short period. Still, it is well to look at things in the light that we now have, and in the respect in which they are now presented.

THE PRESENT SITUATION.

As soon as a reasonable hope of re-opening the College could be entertained, as large a meeting of the Trustees as could be secured was held for consultation, and after a free interchange of views, it was unan-

* Since released.

imously resolved to open the Institution at the usual time, 1st October—not relying, however, upon the endowment, but as far as possible to make it self-supporting; and believing that its friends would sustain all prudent measures to foster this important interest, to depend upon voluntary contributions to meet any deficiencies from the income derived from the tuition, to defray current expenses. To carry out the first idea, holders of scholarships were requested to waive their privilege, at least for the present. The entire amount of salaries for which we are now pledged, is \$4,200 00. To meet this will require 50 paying students. There are now present —, and without a considerable increase, there will be a deficit to be met.

THE FACULTY

consists of Prof. A. B. Goodhue, whose long connection with the College and faithful services are familiar to the denomination; Prof. E. Q. Thornton, and Tutor D. P. Goodhue.

The Course of Instruction is adapted to the wants of the student, not excluding young men who are not prepared for the usual college classes, yet organizing those classes as far as practicable, and furnishing the facilities of a regular college course to those whose previous advancement may entitle them to it.

DR. TALBIRD,

the late President of the College, it will be seen, is not announced in this Report as occupying that position. In 186—, when entering the military service of the country, he offered his resignation, which the Board declined to receive; and with their determination to re-open the College, requested him to resume the position he has filled so long to the satisfaction of his brethren. This he has declined to do. We cannot make this announcement to the Convention without an expression of our appreciation of his unwavering devotion to the interests of the College, and the self-sacrificing spirit with which he has labored to promote its welfare. Under his administration, and in no small degree by his personal efforts and influence, from feeble beginnings it has grown to a respectably endowed Institution, and taken rank with the first in the country. In his retirement from its cares, and return to the more congenial duties of the ministry, he carries with him the regard which years of intimate association have served but to increase.

OUR FUTURE COURSE.

We now approach that point in this Report which has caused our deepest solicitude, and demands the wisest counsel. What shall we do? One of three things we must do—either, 1st. Abandon the enterprise; or 2d. Permit it to eke out a weary existence, and die by inches; or 3d. Make a vigorous effort to revive it, and place it where it was, and *higher*. The first cannot be entertained for a moment; the second is worse than the first; the third is the only course which, it strikes us, will commend itself to the approval of our brethren, and to the favor of God. Before we agree to abandon it altogether, or leave it to perish by neglect, we should at least make the effort to “strengthen the things that remain.” Interest, patriotism, religion, demand it.

But is it possible, in the present impoverished condition of the country, to do so much as begin the work of resuscitation? We are aware of the force of the objection that meets us here, nor are we oblivious of the fact that the country is at the beginning of an experiment, whose results the wisest cannot foresee. But while we admit the difficulties that are before us, let us not be insensible to the pressure of a great necessity that is upon us, and urging us forward. Education is of more value to us than ever. With many, heretofore, it was an accomplishment; it is now a necessity. Our sons and daughters must be educated. Let this thought be as sternly impressed upon our hearts as that we must provide food and raiment for them. Make one as imperative as the other, and it will be practicable. How can we impress this lesson upon the public heart better than by making it prominent before the public eye?—that next to the preservation of a pure gospel we hold the education of our children, and that to this end we will maintain and improve our educational facilities; that our schools and colleges must not, God being our helper, shall not die. We do not propose, just now, to attempt to re-endow the College, but rather to prepare ourselves for it at the earliest practicable moment. If the friends of Howard College would, by voluntary contribution, for the next two years, put it in the power of the Board to sustain a President at a salary of \$——, who should give as much of his time as could be spared from other duties, to securing that part of the endowment fund which has not been absolutely lost, reviving the hopes of the people and taking advantage of opportunities as they arise, to renewed effort, we believe that a brighter day would dawn upon the Institution; and with the return of prosperity to the country would come back the former days, with increased honor and usefulness. In an emergency as great as this, the prophet cried: "Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord."—No one who believes in a superintending Providence, can doubt, whatever may be his opinion of the means which have brought it about, that the hand of God is in this revolution in our social and industrial system; and if it be in harmony with his purposes, and promotive of them, can we even doubt that He will as strangely evolve good from the present evil, as that He has brought it upon us? Is it not easier in the day of our calamity to call an earnest faith to the rescue, and lay our plans for the future in reliance upon Him, than to abandon our enterprises, as if the conviction was fixed in our minds that God either will not or cannot deliver us from our dangers? Shall we yield to supineness and despair under misfortune, or show a noble, christian manhood, "to suffer and be strong," by rising superior to the depressing tendency of the times?

The Board is wedded to no plan, but believe it essential to the interest, if not the existence, of the College that this, or something else, should be done. To this we invite the serious consideration of the Convention, and earnestly ask your counsel.

The term of office of the following members of the Board of Trustees expires at this time. It will devolve upon the Convention to fill the vacancies, viz:

SECOND DIVISION—WHOSE TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRES IN 1865.

Rev. H. TALBIRD, Marion.
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 Rev. J. M. NEWMAN, Macon County.
 T. H. WATTS, Esq., Montgomery.

The death of bro. Robert Lide creates, also, a vacancy to be filled.
 Respectfully submitted. W. H. McINTOSH, Pres't.

Marion, November 9th, 1865.

(APPENDIX M.)

TREASURER'S REPORT.

S. H. FOWLKES, TREASURER, *in Account with the Alabama Baptist State Convention.*

1864.

DOMESTIC MISSION ACCOUNT.

Nov. 21.	Cash and vouchers from Fin. Com. for Army Missions.....	\$25,456 99
"	" " Dom. "	238 41
"	" " Indian "	326 93
"	" " 34th Ala. Regt.....	79 30
		<u>\$26,101 63</u>

Credit.

Nov. 23. By M. T. Sumner's Receipt..... \$26,101 63

FOREIGN MISSION ACCOUNT.

Nov. 21. Cash from Fin. Com..... \$724 28

Credit.

Nov. 23. By M. T. Sumner's Receipt..... \$724 28

BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS FOR SOLDIERS.

Nov. 21. Cash from Fin. Com..... \$131 97

1865.

Credit.

Nov. 10. By bal. on hand..... \$131 97

SOUTHERN PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

Nov. 8. To bal. reported to last Convention, \$67 20

1865.

Credit.

Nov. 10. By bal. on hand..... \$67 20

1864.

GENERAL PURPOSE ACCOUNT.

Nov. 8.	To Cash, as reported.....	\$ 8 75
" 21.	" from Fin. Com.....	232 50
"	" " " for Minutes	25 00
		<u>\$266 25</u>

Credit.

By balance..... \$266 25

1864. BENEFICIARY ACCOUNT HOWARD COLLEGE.		
Nov. 8.	To Cash reported to last Convention	\$231 73
1865.	<i>Credit.</i>	
Nov. 10.	By balance.....	\$231 73
1864. HOLCOMB MONUMENT FUND.		
Nov. 8.	To Cash reported, &c.,.....	\$61 55
1865.	<i>Credit.</i>	
Nov. 10.	By balance.....	\$61 55
SOUTH-WESTERN BAPTIST AMONG SOLDIERS.		
Nov. 8.	To Cash reported, &c.,.....	\$10 00
1865.	<i>Credit.</i>	
Nov. 10.	By balance.....	\$10 00
1864. SABBATH SCHOOL BOARD.		
Nov. 21.	Cash and vouchers from Fin. Com.	\$2,485 25
1864.	<i>Credit.</i>	
Dec. 6.	By W. E. Chambliss' Receipt.....	\$2,485 25
1864. ORPHANS' ASYLUM ACCOUNT.		
Nov. 21.	Cash and Vouchers for Fin. Com..	\$7,669 95
	<i>Credit.</i>	
Nov. 23.	By R. Holman's Receipt.....	\$7,669 95
1865. RELIEF OF BRO. J. BARROW.		
Nov. 21.	Cash from Fin. Com.....	\$1,329 90
	<i>Credit.</i>	
Nov. 14.	By James Barrow's Receipt.....	\$1,329 90
1864. VIRGINIA SUNDAY SCHOOL ACCOUNT.		
Nov. 21.	Cash and Vouchers from Fin. Com.	\$2,800 00
	<i>Credit.</i>	
	By J. B. Taylor's, Jr., Receipt....	\$2,800 00

MARION, ALA., Nov. 10th, 1865.

To the President and Members of the Alabama Baptist State Convention :

I herewith submit my Annual Report as Treasurer of your body, showing the amount now in my hands to be \$767 70, belonging to different objects; as will be seen by reference to this Report.

I would state, further, that the balance in my hands is all in Confederate money, and consequently worthless.

I would further state that during the excitement here last Spring, in reference to raids, &c., I misplaced all my vouchers, and after diligent search, have been unable to find them. I trust this will prove a sufficient excuse for their absence.

Respectfully submitted.

S. H. FOWLKES.

JUDSON FEMALE INSTITUTE.

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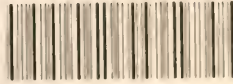
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